

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)

U.S. Patent No.: 5,630,755)

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For: SOFT COUNT TRACKING)
SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit: 2838

Examiner: Unassigned



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Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.175

We, Mirosław Blaszczec, William Wood, and Salvatore Soriano hereby declare that:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below under our names.

2. We believe we are the original and the first joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 and in U.S. Reissue Patent Application Serial No. 09/313,335, filed on May 20, 1999.

3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application as amended, including the claims.

4. Applicants acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information that is known to be material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

5. Applicants believe that U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 to be partly inoperative by reason of the patentees having claiming less than we had a right to claim. U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 includes one independent claim.

Claim 1 recites a soft count tracking system. U.S. Patent 5,630,755 does not include any method claims. It was an error not to include method claims. Accordingly, claims directed to a method of tracking the operation of a currency note validation system are being sought in this reissue application.

6. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

7. We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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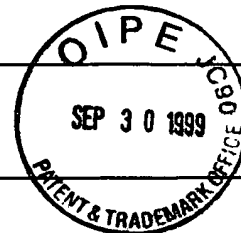
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